has requested for deployment of additional companies of CRPF, inclusion of Sambalpur, Jaipur and Deogarh districts under the SRE Scheme, location of helicopter at Nagpur and construction of Ranchi-Vijayawada National Highway to combat naxal menace more effectively.

(d) Additional Coys of CRPF have been deployed in the State. The Government has been pursuing a multi-pronged approach to address the problem on political, security and development fronts in a coordinated manner. The Central Government has taken specific measures to coordinate and supplement the efforts and resources of the naxal affected States including Orissa on both security and development fronts to meet the challenge posed by the naxal problem.

Modernisation of State fire services

†936. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated for modernisation of State Fire Services;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the modernization scheme is targeted to be completed and the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Ministry of Home Affairs has drawn up a scheme for the 'Strengthening of Fire and Emergency Services' in the States. The scheme envisages financial assistance to the States for:—

(i) Meeting the deficiencies of fire stations/units at the State Capital, Metropolitan Cities and District/Sub Divisional Headquarters as per minimum requirements;

(ii) Strengthening of State-level Fire Training Institutes, where existing, and setting up of such institutes in other States;

(iii) Procurement of upgraded versions of Fire Tenders, Rescue Vehicles and other fire related equipments and training aids; and

(iv) Provision of additional manpower.

(c) The scheme is to be implemented over a period of five years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.